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SUBJECT: SOVIET NAVAL DELEGATION VISIT

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WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GARNER VERY LITTLE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT DECEMBER 16-21 VISIT OF SOVIET NAVAL
COMMANDER GORSHKOV TO SOMALIA FROM DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES
OR GSDR. HOWEVER, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION
THAT HE SOUGHT NAVAL AND/OR AIR FACILITIES FOR SOVIETS
IN CHISIMAIO. THERE IS DEEP WATER PORT (BUILT BY US)
AND MAJOR AIRFIELD (BUILT BY LIBYANS) THERE AND ITS LOCATION
WELL DOWN EAST COAST OF AFRICA WOULD BE QUITE USEFUL
TO SOVIETS IN OPERATIONS IN MIDDLE REGIONS INDIAN
OCEAN. WE THEREFORE INCLINED TO CREDIT SPECULATION
THAT CHISIMAIO WAS ONE OF PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED,
ESPECIALLY AS GORSHKOV VISITED THAT CITY.

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